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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Dennis Krampotich et al.

Application No.: 09/226,593

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Group Art Unit: 3728

For: CUSHION SYSTEM FOR WAFER CARRIERS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE AND AMENDMENT

BOX Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Communication of December 17, 1999, the following amendments and remarks are submitted to correct the deficiencies in the reply filed November 12, 1999 and to put the application in better condition for allowance.

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

Please delete "claim 2" and insert therefore --claim 1--.

Please amend Claims 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A wafer enclosure comprising an enclosure portion and a door, the enclosure portion with a front having a door frame defining a front opening for insertion and removal of wafers, the enclosure portion having a plurality of horizontally oriented slots vertically stacked for receiving a plurality of axially aligned horizontally oriented wafers, the door configured for closing the open front and latching to the door frame, the door having an interiorly facing side

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